

The risk of over concentration of media sources needs to be given a higher priority than the desire of a few media conglomerates. Mid and small markets such as Seattle and St. Paul have a hard enough time maintaining two daily papers, it would be too easy for a well funded broadcast firm to acquire one of the papers and drive the other out of town. In the age of the Internet the big media giants can reach the market in many ways as it is, there is no apparent reason to allow them to pick off the local media outlets. The public has access to MSNBC, FOX, and the Times 24 hours a day anywhere in the nation. The only thing we can get by the proposed rule changes is more of what we already have while we lose the various opinions that multiple sources currently provide.